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SIMPLIFICATION OF PROCEDURE FOR PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has simplified the procedure for submission of applications for obtaining Passports in the regional passport offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the success achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a)&(b) Yes. The procedure for submission of applications for obtaining passports was simplified in December 2006. The main features of the simplification are: the list of officers, authorised to issue verification certificates under the Tatkal Scheme, has been expanded significantly. Employees in Government service and Public Sector Undertakings and their immediate family members whose identity is certified by the Head of Department or the head of the concerned PSU or a person duly authorised by them for this purpose, are issued passports on the basis of such certification. Applicants can also apply under the Tatkal category by submitting 3 out of 14 specified documents. Further, online submission of passport applications has been introduced in all Passport Offices.

(c) These guidelines have made the submission of passport applications simpler and speedier for passport applicants.